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2. Sanclemente opened his remarks by stating that the results of the 5 October 1947 municipal elections had been a great triumph for the PCC and at the same time a crushing defeat for the Partido Comunista Obrero (PCO). He felt that the true Communism of the PCC had asserted itself with force through the support of the workers and peasants.
 3. He then turned his remarks to Spanish Falangism and the so-called "Creole-Peronism," which he stated are flourishing in Colombia through their diplomatic representatives.
 4. Dr. Jose Maria Alfaro, Spanish Minister to Bogota, he reported, was former Secretary General of the Nazi-Fascist-Falange in Spain. He is also a leader of the local "Lonja Cero," ultra-conservative youth group, which is a center of Fascist propaganda with headquarters in the offices of El Siglo, a Conservative Bogota newspaper. Since 15 September 1947, Radio Madrid of Spain, at Alfaro's instigation, has been assailing the National University of Colombia for sponsoring a series of lectures on medical chemistry by the eminent Spanish Republican, Jose Giral. Radio Madrid accuses the Rector of the University of being an agent of Moscow, disguised as a pseudo-socialist. Leftist student groups at the National University have protested to the President of Colombia regarding these broadcasts, but to date no action has been taken.
- Sanclemente then carried his attack to Peron, whom he accused of naming Pedro A. Otero, a "syndicate spy," as Labor Attache to the Argentine Legation in Bogota. Otero, he alleged, is an agent of the American Federation of Labor and a tool of capitalism.
6. In concluding, Sanclemente stated that in addition to the foregoing disturbing facts, the Congress of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Colombia (CTC), scheduled for December in Cali, further complicates the situation. He urged all PCC members to mobilize public opinion against Falangism, Fascism, and Yankeeism.

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